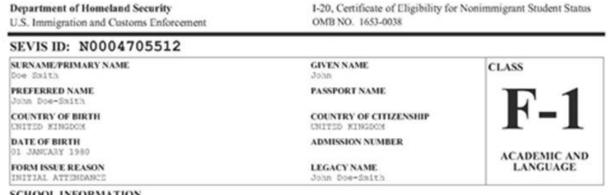
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SUBJECT: 9 FAM Update – New I-20 and DS-2019 Forms

- 1. The Department updated <u>9 FAM 41.61</u> "Students Academic and Nonacademic" and <u>9 FAM 41.62</u> "Exchange Visitors" on June 24, 2015, with a sample I-20 as <u>Exhibit I</u> in <u>9 FAM 41.61</u> and a new sample of the DS 2019 as <u>Exhibit I</u> in <u>9 FAM 41.62</u>.
- 2. On June 26, 2015, DHS' Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) released new I-20 and DS-2019 forms. Consular officers can accept the previous forms if issued on June 26, 2015, or earlier, until July 1, 2016, when only the new forms will be valid.
- 3. The new Form I-20 differs primarily in the labeling of mandatory name fields. The new form adds optional name fields, and has a larger, more prominent display of the visa class in the upper right-hand corner of the form:



- 4. Some additional changes on Form I-20 are:
 - Moves the instructions to page three of the form;
 - Makes the SEVIS ID number more visible on page one;
 - Removes the barcode and the blocks for visa and port of entry information;
 - Displays the school and program of study information more clearly;
 - Specifies the number of dependents;
 - Displays employment authorization information more clearly; and
 - Expands the following sections of the form to display information, if needed:
 - o Change of Status/Cap Gap Extension
 - Event History.
- 5. The DS-2019 has minor changes:

- In Block 1:
 - o "Family Name" changed to "Surname/Primary Names";
 - o "First Name" changed to "Given Name"; and
 - o "Middle Name" is removed.
- On page two, paragraph two: instructions specifying that J2s 14 years and older must sign their own forms, and that the J1 principal must sign the form for their dependents under 14.